

# **The Evolving Role of the Communication Service Provider**

## **Integrated CNS Technologies Conference and Workshop**

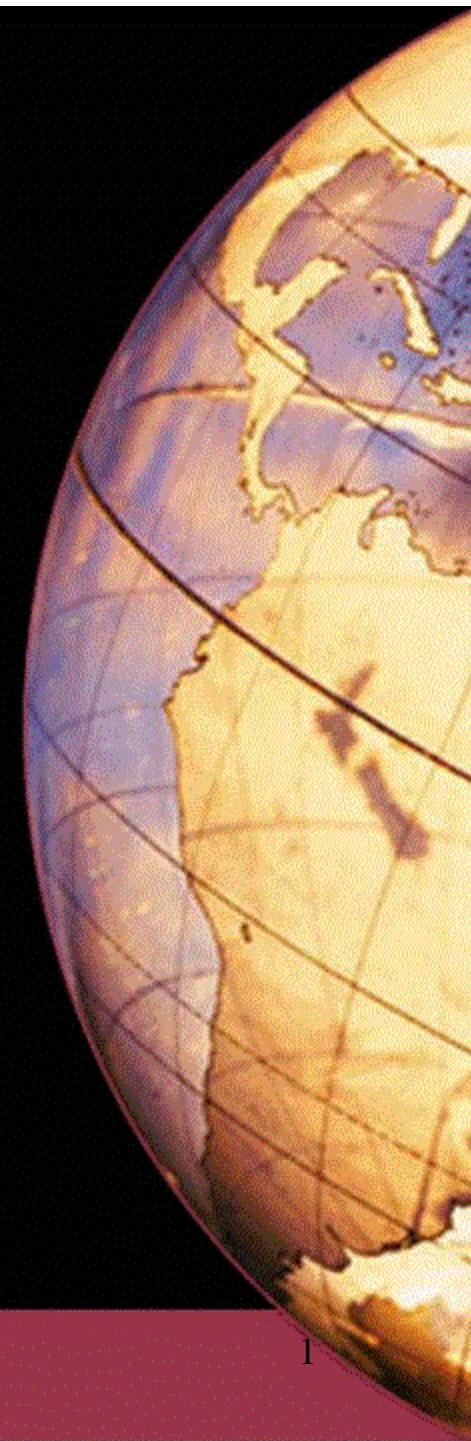
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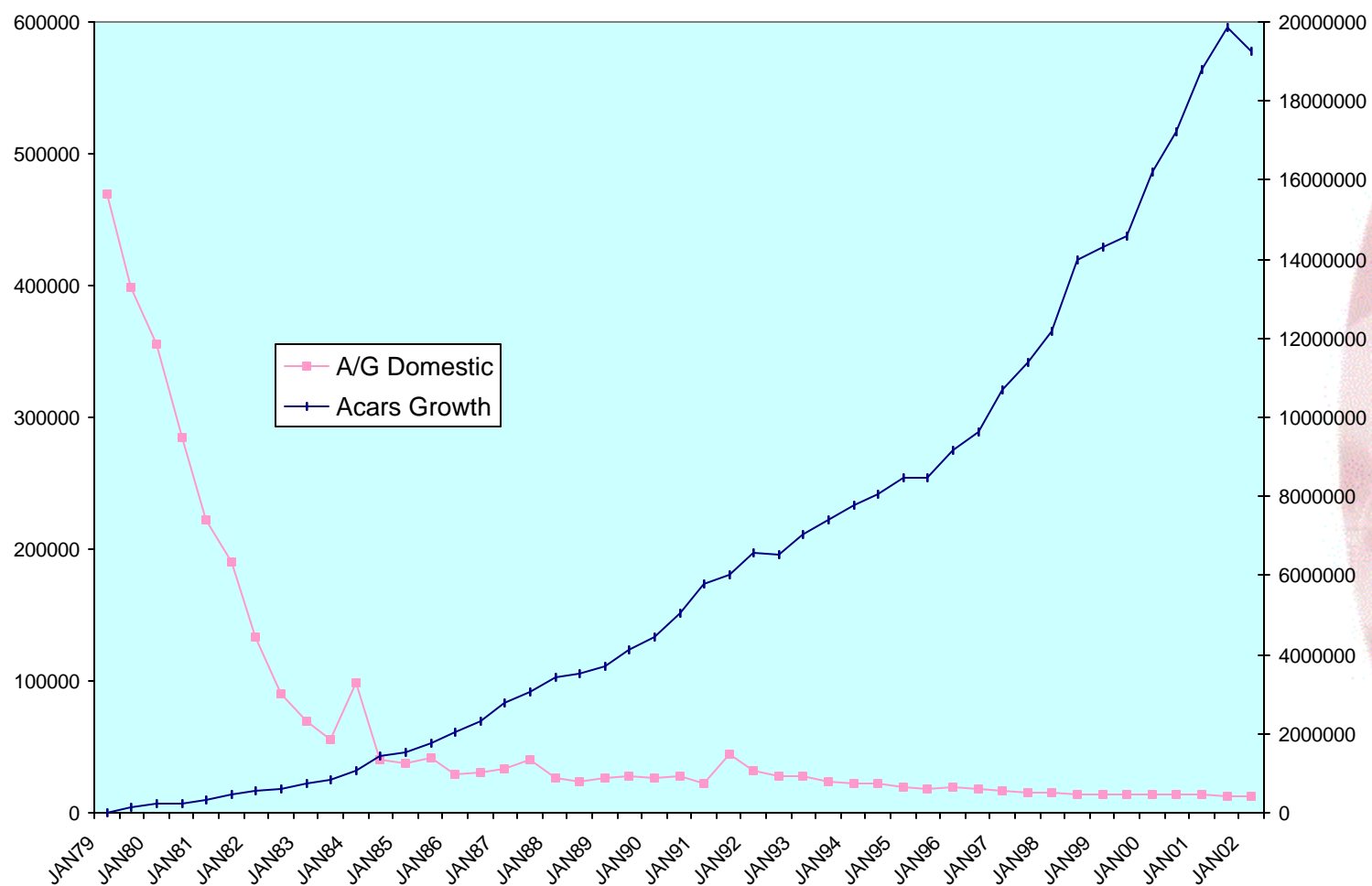
# History of Air/Ground Communications

- **Early communications by HF voice**
- **1940s - VHF introduced**
- **1958 - FAA formed, implementation of national ATC system started, First B707 delivered to Pan Am.**
- **1978 - ARINC implements ACARS service**
  - 2 Customers (TWA and Piedmont)
- **1979 - 134 ACARS Ground Stations**
  - 4 customers, 415 aircraft
- **Today:** 95 Customers
  - Worldwide Service - 54 countries; 780 ground stations
  - Over 6,000 aircraft, 20 million messages per month
  - Performance availability = 99.995% at critical airports

# Overview of ACARS

- **Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS)**
  - An air/ground data link communications system
  - Enables aircraft to function as mobile data terminals in airline management control systems
  - Used to communicate airline operational control (AOC), air traffic control (ATC) and airline administrative control between ground-based organization and the cockpit

# Voice vs. ACARS Message Volume Trends



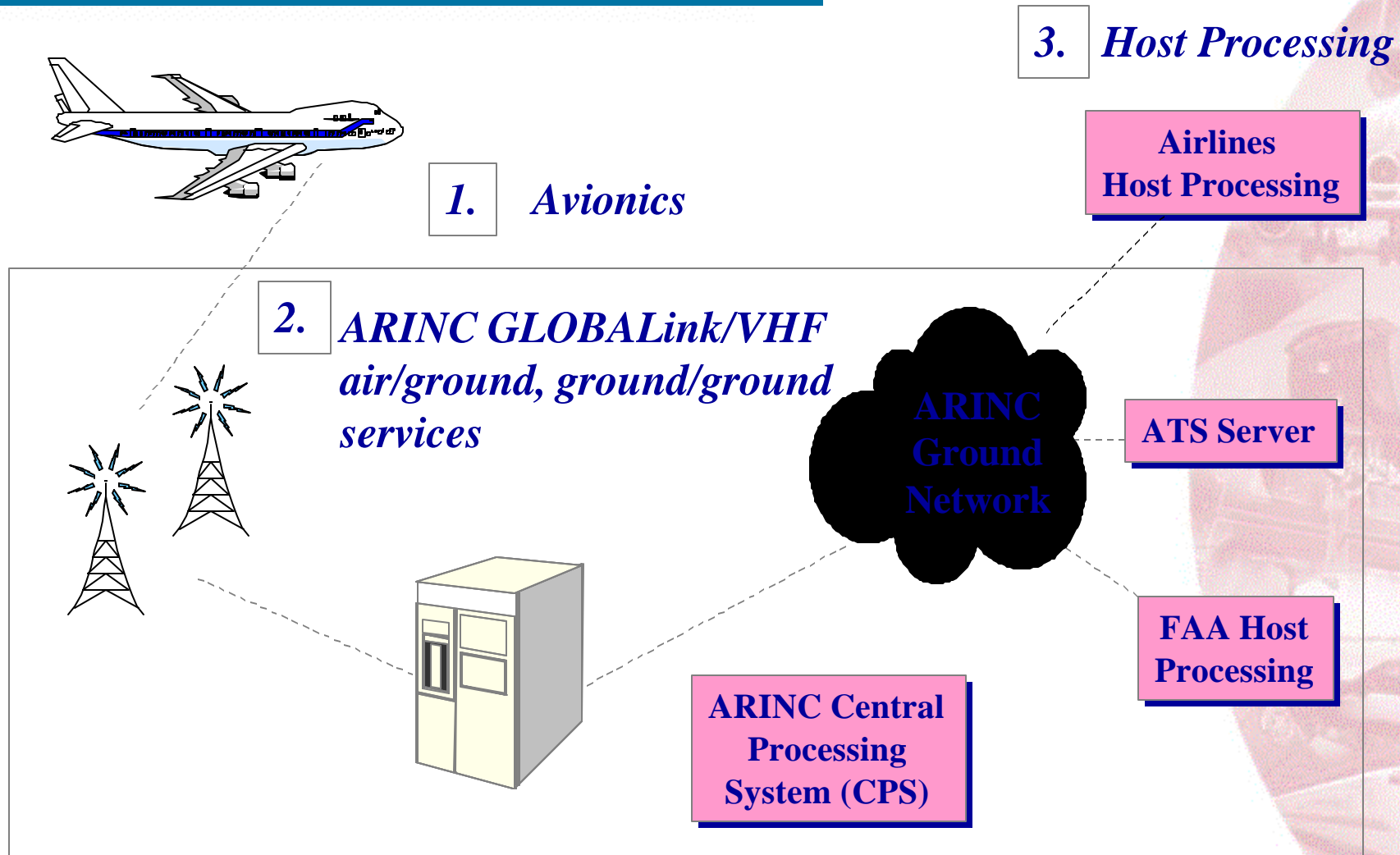


# GLOBALink Media

- **VHF Data Link Communications**
  - Line-of-Sight; Over/Near Land
  - Least Expensive/Most Reliable
- **Satellite Data Link Communications (Satcom)**
  - Worldwide Except for Polar regions
- **HF Data Link Communications**
  - Over Oceans and Polar Regions

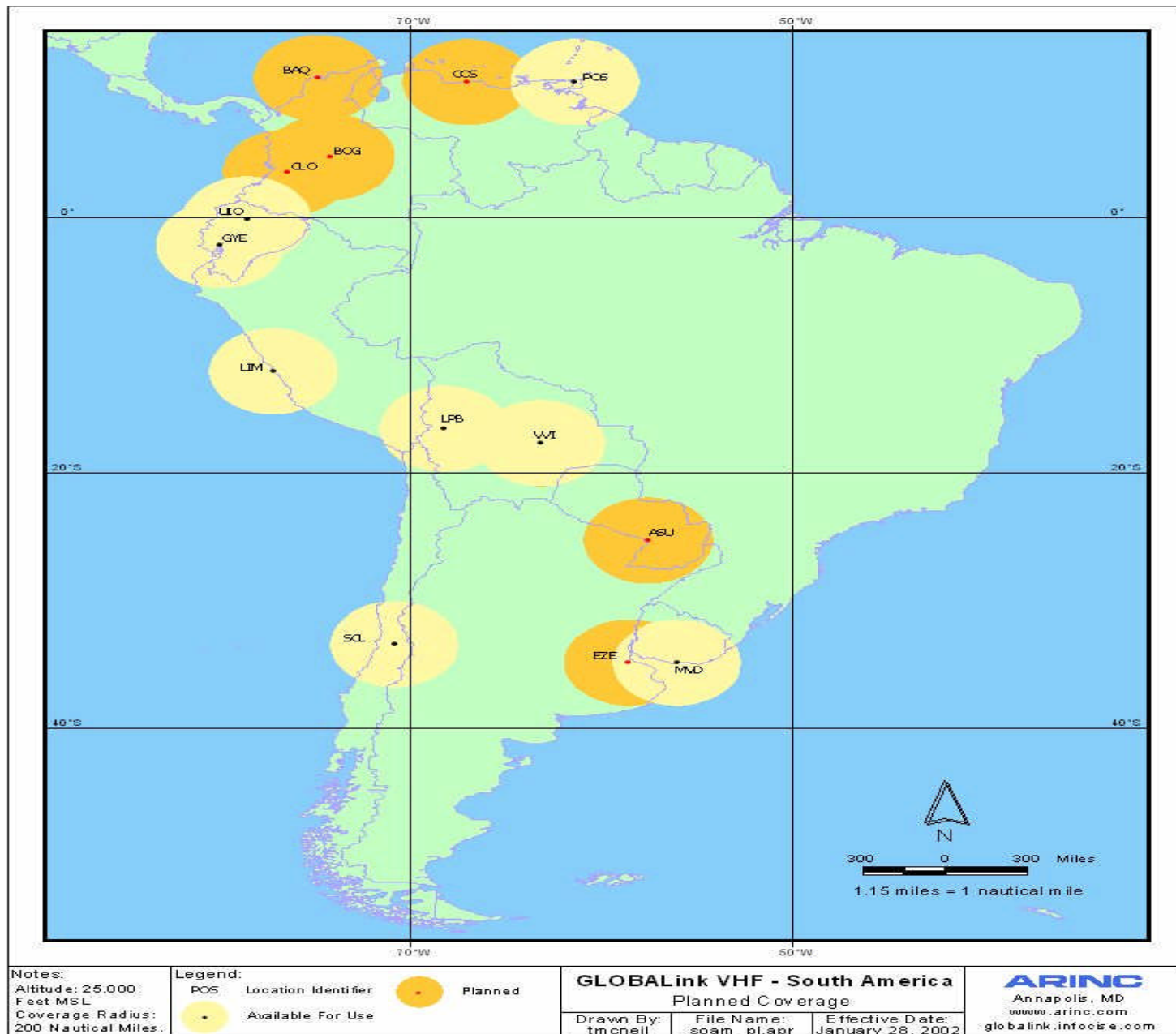


# GLOBALink/VHF Data Link Components







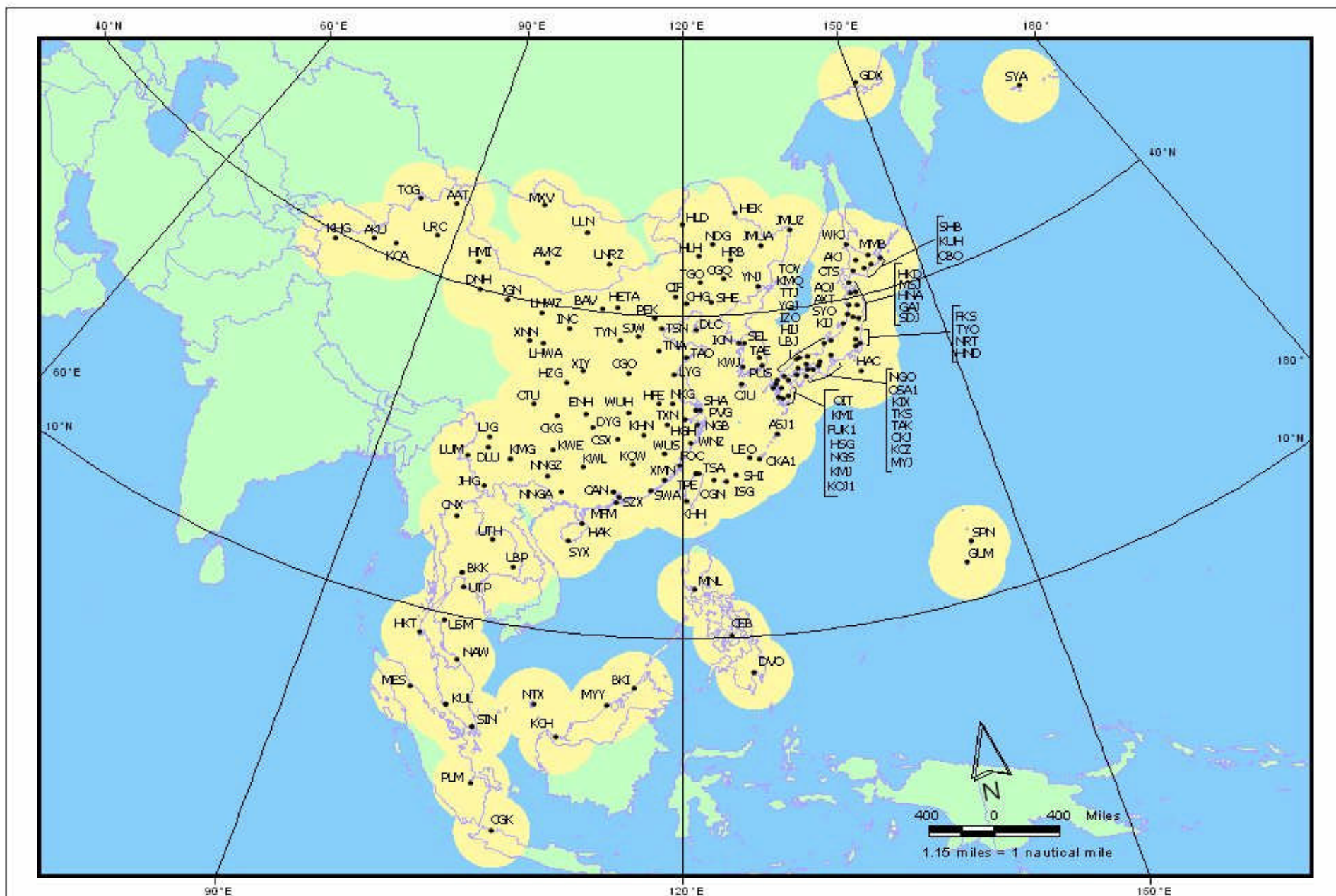


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**Notes:**

Altitude: 25,000 Feet MSL  
 Coverage Radius: 200  
 Nautical Miles.

**Legend:**

- SEL Location Identifier
- Available For Use

**ARINC VHF - Asia/Pacific**

Available for Use Coverage

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# Data Link Applications

- **AOC - Airline Operational Control**
  - Flight dispatch
  - Maintenance
  - Crew scheduling
  - Station operations
- **ATS - Air Traffic Services**
  - Pre-departure Clearance (PDC)
  - Digital Automatic Terminal Information Service (D-ATIS)
  - Terminal Weather Information for Pilots (TWIP)
  - Oceanic Clearance Delivery (OCD)
  - Graphics/Text Weather Server (G/TWS)
  - Digital Delivery of Expected Taxi Clearance (DDTC)



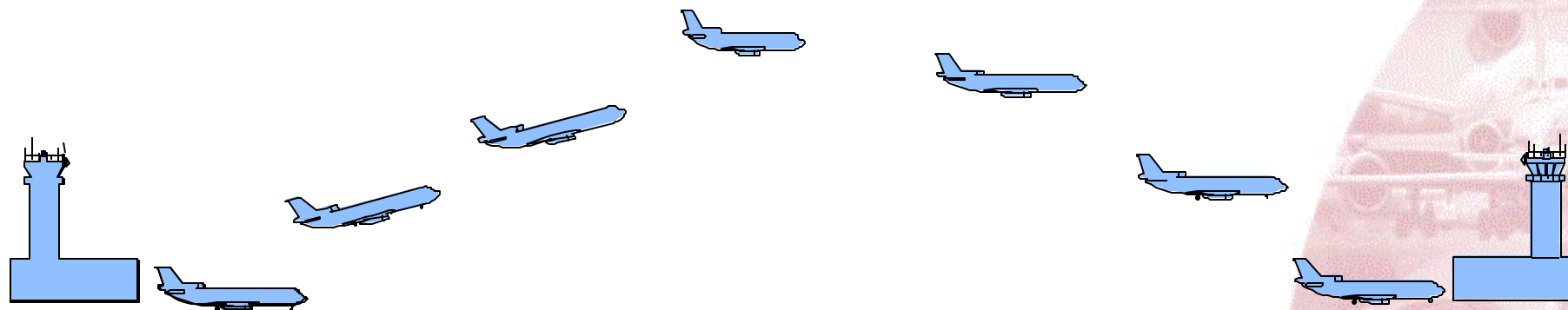
# AOC Applications

- **Flight dispatch**
  - Routes/flight plans
  - Weather data
  - Aircraft performance
  - Schedule information
  - Flight monitoring
- **Maintenance**
  - Engine condition data
  - Airframe condition data
  - Fault reporting
  - Maintenance releases
  - Maintenance log history
- **Crew scheduling**
  - Schedule verification
  - Re-assignments
  - Legality resolution
- **Station operations**
  - Gate assignments
  - Connecting passengers
  - Galley re-stock lists
  - ETA

# ATS Applications

- **Pre-Departure Clearance (PDC)**
  - Delivery of pre-departure clearances over data link resulting in improved on-time gate departures and safety in the terminal area
- **Oceanic Clearance Delivery (OCD)**
  - Data link delivery of NavCanada clearance for the North Atlantic (NAT), expedites the complex oceanic clearance process
- **Digital Automatic Terminal Information Service (D-ATIS)**
  - Messages originated by the controller at tower workstation sent to aircraft quickly and accurately anytime during flight
- **Terminal Weather Information for Pilots (TWIP)**
  - Valuable weather condition information transmitted to aircraft via data link
- **Graphic/Text Weather Service (G/TWS)**
  - Terminal Area Forecasts (TAFS) and Meteorological Aviation Reports (METARs) for over 4,000 airport locations are stored in the ARINC server and delivered to the aircraft upon request
- **Digital Delivery of Expected Taxi Clearance (DDTC)**
  - Implemented at DTW and IAD

# Today's Data Link Applications



*Taxi*

**From Aircraft**

Link test/clock  
Update  
Fuel/crew information  
Delay reports  
Out

**To Aircraft**

PDC  
ATIS  
Weight & balance  
Airport analysis  
V-speeds flight  
Plan-hard copy  
Load FMC

*Take-off*

**From Aircraft**

Off

*Departure*

**From Aircraft**

Engine data

**To Aircraft**

Flight plan  
Updated weather

*En route*

**From Aircraft**

Position reports  
Weather reports  
Delay info/ETA  
Voice request  
Engine info  
Maintenance info

**To Aircraft**

ATC oceanic clearances  
Weather reports  
Re-clearances  
Ground voice request  
(SELCAL)

*Approach*

**From Aircraft**

Provisioning  
Gate requests  
ETA  
Special requests  
Engine info  
Maintenance info

**To Aircraft**

Gate assignments  
Connecting gates  
Passenger & crew  
ATIS

*Landing*

**From Aircraft**

On

*Taxi*

**From Aircraft**

In  
Fuel info  
Crew info  
Fault data  
(from central  
maintenance  
computer)

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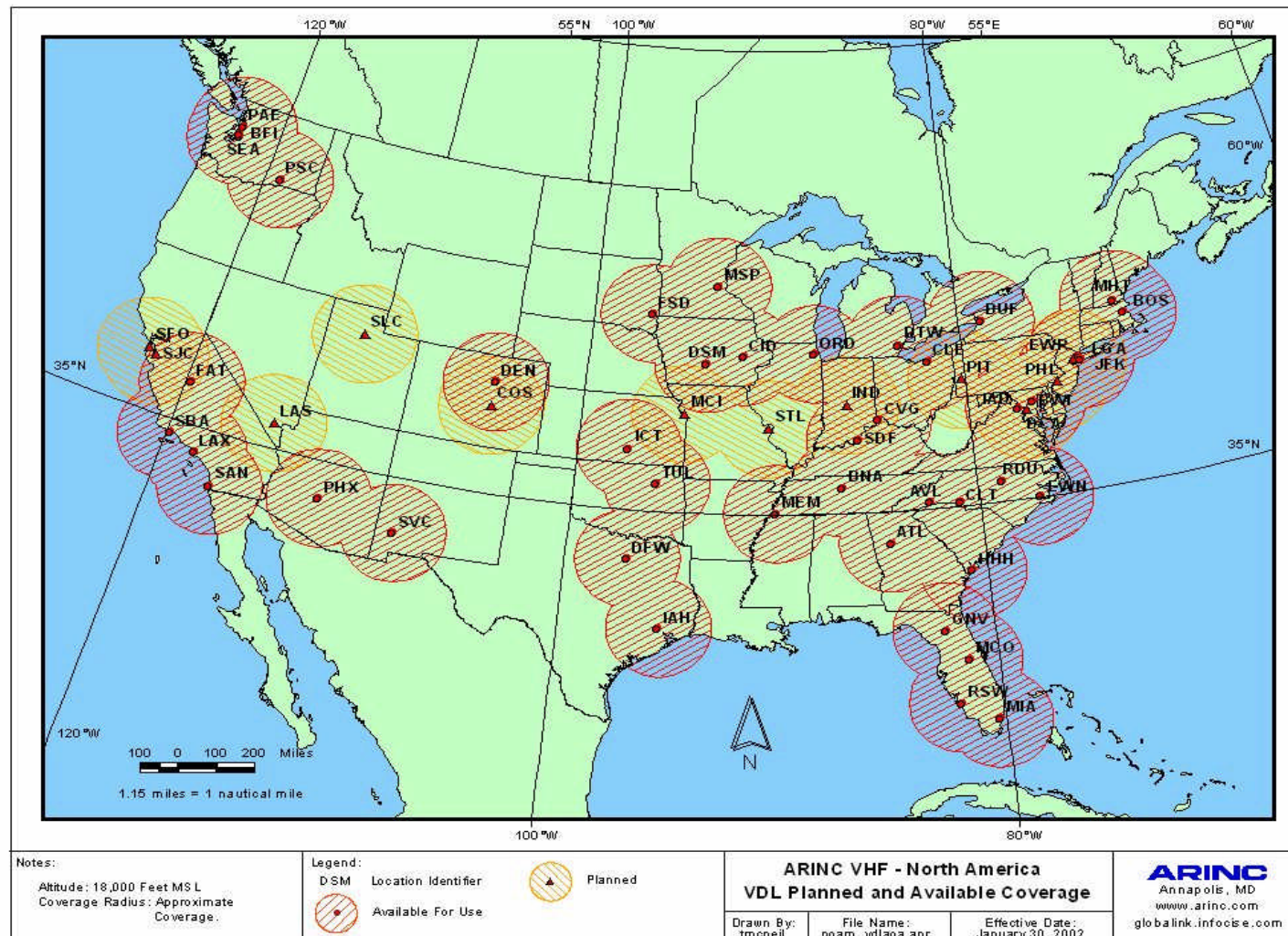
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## **VDL Mode 2 / ATN FAA CPDLC Build 1**

- **CPDLC Build 1 operational evaluation will occur in the Miami ARTCC beginning this year**
- **CPDLC Build 1 partners: FAA Free Flight Office, American Airlines, Rockwell-Collins, and ARINC**
- **ARINC ATN/VDLM2 ground network includes:**
  - 4 stations in FL operational
  - Provides partial coverage of the Miami ARTCC airspace to support testing pre-operational testing
  - 5 additional stations (9 total) to be operational by Sep 02
- **FAA flight tests with Rockwell-Collins VDLM2 avionics and ARINC VDLM2 network started**
  - In the Miami ARTCC
  - Several successful preparation flights since late January 02
- **FAA Operations Begins in September 2002**

# VDL Planned and Operational Sites Initial 50 Sites

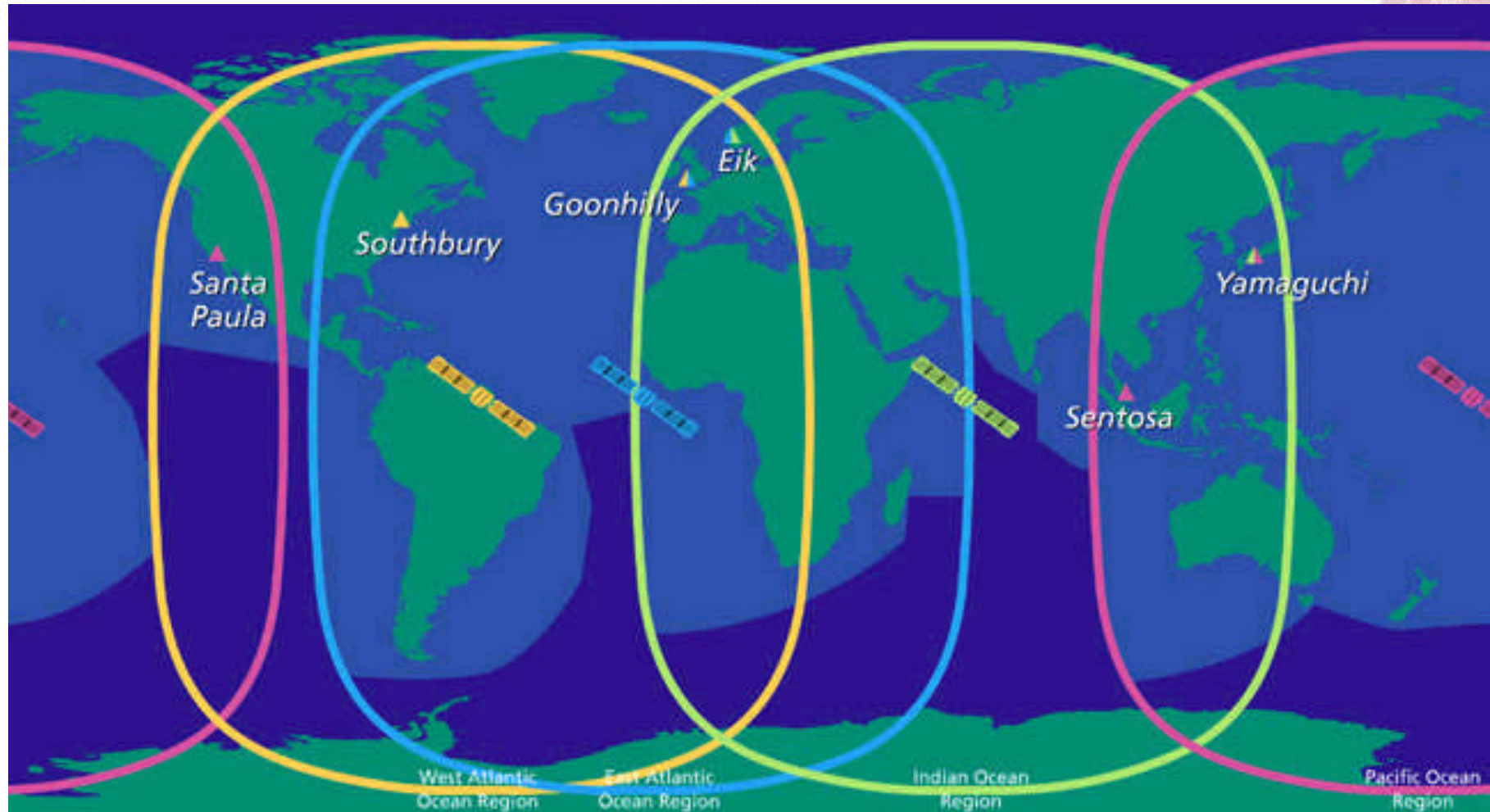




- Satellite Based Communications
  - Aero-H/H+, Aero-I, and Aero-L worldwide safety service available today
    - Multi-channel Cabin and Flight Deck data and voice applications
  - Aero-C and Aero Mini-M available today
    - Aero-C - Single channel 0.6 kbps store and forward data
    - Aero Mini-M - Single channel voice/2.4 kbps data
  - CN50 and High Speed Data (M4/IPDS) Swift64 availability mid-2002
    - CN50 - Aero-H/H+ compliant broadcast service
    - M4 - 64 kbps Circuit-mode cabin service
    - IPDS - 64 kbps Packet-mode cabin service
- Applications and Information Content
  - ACARS and FANS data link applications
  - Email and Internet services available through third party alliance
  - Live Text News and Short Messaging Service planned availability 4Q02
- Increased growth in air transport cabin and corporate jet markets



# GLOBALink<sup>SM</sup>/Satellite Safety Service Coverage



ARINC coordinates service through 6 of the 8 operating  
Aeronautical Ground Earth Stations

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## GLOBALink/HF?

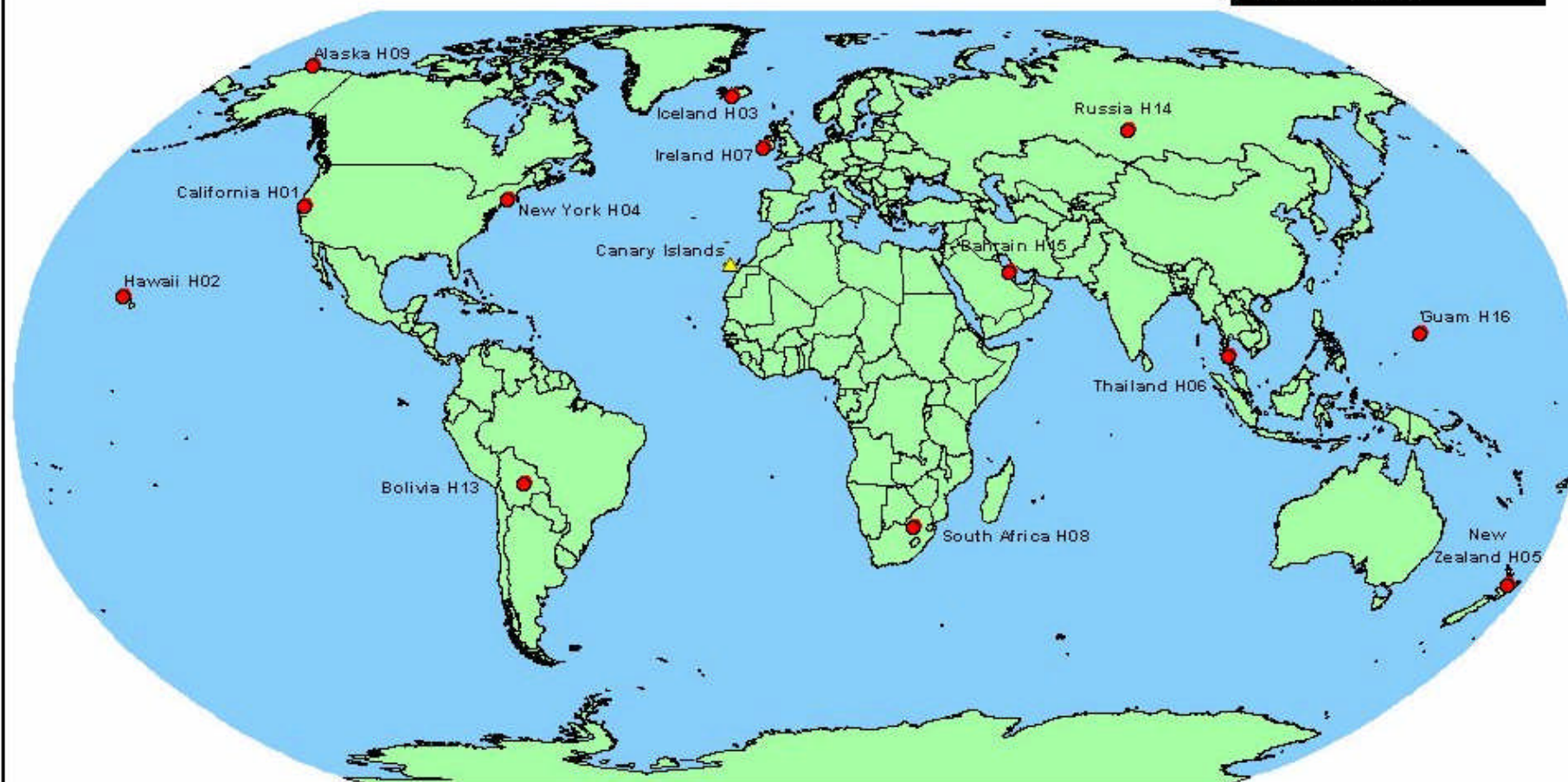
- Part of ARINC's **GLOBALink** family of air/ground services
  - Interoperable with VHF, VDL and Satellite
- GLOBALink/HF or HF data link (HFDL) is an end-to-end communications system
  - HFDL is a beyond-line-of-sight (BLOS) communications capability
- Any air/ground ACARS message can be sent via HFDL



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ARINC HF - World  
Operational and Planned  
Stations

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\* Notes: This map is for representation only. Not to scale.

Legend

Hawaii H02	Name of Station and GSID
●	Operational
▲	Planned



## Looking to the Future

- Greater dependence on Data Link for ATC
- Benefits of CPDLC
  - Reduced congestion on voice frequencies
  - Reduced controller workload
  - Increased throughput in congested areas
  - Potential savings to airlines of \$500M/year through reductions in delays and flight times
- Increase in communications for passenger services
- Greater use of data link by GA; introduction of low cost data link avionics and services
- Implementation of NEXCOM - all digital voice and data